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MARGINAL COLUMN

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE report of Yugoslavia's decision not to accept further American military aid somehow has a topsy-turvy look about it. It would appear that Marshal Tito invited the U.S. Ambassador to Belgrade, where the Yugoslav President is recuperating from an attack of lumbago, and requested that America supply him with arms. Whereupon the envoy, Mr. James Ridgeway, "accepted to the request" — which was pretty magnanimous of him considering that Yugoslavia is not even, strictly speaking, a member of the Soviet bloc.

YUGOSLAVIA'S position remains unique. It is the only state controlled by a Communist government which has been receiving American military aid, apart from the not inconceivable economic assistance from the same source. This state of affairs has served Marshal Tito well. At one and the same time, it provides concrete recognition of his avowed policy of positive neutrality, and assures Yugoslavia a status above that of any other Communist state. Ever since his break with the Cominform in 1948, Marshal Tito has managed to keep Yugoslavia on the fringe, as it were, of the power politics. It is not the sort of position that is lightly lost.

NEEDLESS to say, neither Washington nor Moscow are entirely happy about the way Yugoslavia has straddled the dividing line. From time to time Tito has had to weather powerful blasts which alternated fairly regularly from East and West. Neither side, however, ventures to blow too hard for fear of tipping the carefully calculated balance, though on the whole the Russians are privileged, and know it. Obviously, it would take a great deal more than a Communist government to drive a Communist government into the Western camp than into the bloc, where, for all its nationalistic noises, it is clearly a member of the family. So far, however, the Belgrade statesman has managed to turn such criticism to good advantage as tangible evidence of their neutral course.

BUT if the Yugoslav Government seems to thrive on criticism, a commodity which is both scarce and presently inextinguishable, it has required no mean feat of diplomacy to regulate its alternate flow. This has called for reservations and a certain amount of timing with regard to action in the realm of foreign policy. For instance, Yugoslavia's position on the question of German reunification has been consistently parallel to that of the Soviet Union. But it was only in October that it was only in October that the grade extended recognition to the East German regime, a long overdue and logical consequence of this policy, which, as the Yugoslav press has observed, should have surprised no one. Nevertheless, it came at a time when Yugoslavia was under increasing pressure from the East to return to the ideological fold, and seemed designed to demonstrate Yugoslavia's solidarity with the Eastern bloc, though in another direction.

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GREEK GENERAL, BROTHER, DIES
ATHENS, Tuesday (Reuters). — Retired General Napolen Zervas, right-wing resistance leader during the German occupation of Greece, died here today. He was 66. Alec Zervas, Napolen's elder brother, collapsed and died when he saw the dead general tonight.

Curfew in Nicosia After Day's Riots

NICOSIA, Tuesday (Reuters). — This city is under curfew tonight after a day of violent clashes between large numbers of Cypriot Greeks, security forces and Turkish Cypriots. Eight members of the security forces and 20 youths were injured and a Turkish policeman was shot, bringing the total casualties in two days' violence to 131 injured and 27 dead. The security forces, including more than a dozen British, the day began with a boycott of classes by Greek and Turkish school students which grew into mass anti-British riots. Hundreds of boys and girls turned a school into a fortress, showered troops and police with stones and bottles. Security forces ended a three-hour battle by occupying the school after a tear gas charge. A Turkish policeman who had helped quell the riots was shot and killed by an unknown gunman. Later, hundreds of Turkish youths armed with sticks and stones marched on the Greek quarter, smashing shop fronts and stoning buses. Riot squads and troops rushed to the no-man's-land separating the communities and fired tear gas to disperse angry mobs of both sides. A curfew was clamped down at 8 p.m.

Wan Reports Failure Of Hungarian Mission

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (UPI). — Prince Wan Wathayon of Thailand reported today that his mission to Hungary flatly refused to cooperate with him as the U.N.'s special investigator of last year's Hungarian revolt. The General Assembly, in a 60-10 vote on September 13, as its special representative to seek Soviet and Hungarian compliance with the repeated demands of the U.N. that Russian troops be withdrawn and free elections be held in Hungary. He reported that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko rebuffed him by saying the issue did not concern the U.N. and that he would not discuss the "illegitimate" Assembly action on Hungary.

Prince Wan said the Hungarian regime refused to accept a written list of questions and informed him it would not "negotiate on a matter which was an internal affair of Hungary." In a report prepared for the Assembly, Prince Wan stated that he again appealed to Mr. Gromyko last September, but was rebuffed. His reply was that the deportations were a made-up story, he stated. Mr. Gromyko then turned down Prince Wan's request to discuss the question with him in Moscow, it was said. The General Assembly today confirmed rejection of the Hungarian delegation's credentials. The Assembly voted by 77 to one with no abstentions to uphold its credentials committee's actions on refusing to accept the Hungarian credentials. The committee had been asked to accept the Hungarian delegation's credentials, a long overdue and logical consequence of this policy, which, as the Yugoslav press has observed, should have surprised no one. Nevertheless, it came at a time when Yugoslavia was under increasing pressure from the East to return to the ideological fold, and seemed designed to demonstrate Yugoslavia's solidarity with the Eastern bloc, though in another direction.

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Steinberg Boy To Be Reburied

HADRA, Tuesday. — The body of Aharon Steinberg, the five-year-old son of a non-Jewish mother, whose burial outside the bounds of the Pardes Hanna cemetery three weeks ago aroused a furore, will be reinterred in a new Municipal Cemetery. The decision to rebury the boy with full ceremony and to establish a Municipal cemetery was taken tonight by the Pardes Hanna Local Council, with the three Hapoel Hamizrachi members dissenting. The Council also adopted a resolution expressing its "abhorrence" at the manner in which the case had been handled by the local rabbi. Meanwhile, municipal workers are draining the wheat field in which the body was buried. Adjacent to the cemetery but on lower ground, it was flooded by the recent rains.

Unanimous U.N. Vote Calls For Algerian Talks

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (Reuters). — The U.N. General Assembly today unanimously adopted a compromise resolution sponsored by 15 countries aimed at facilitating a solution of the Algerian problem. France did not participate in the vote, but Foreign Minister Christian Pineau said that the compromise resolution was a "vote of confidence" in France. The draft was worked out in days of private consultations following the failure of the Political Committee last week to agree on rival resolutions there before it. "First, expresses again concern over the situation in Algeria." "Secondly, takes note of the offer of good offices made by His Majesty the King of Morocco and His Excellency the President of the Republic of Tunisia." "Thirdly, expresses the wish that in a spirit of effective cooperation, pourparlers will be entered into and every appropriate means utilized with a view to a solution in conformity with the purposes and principles of the U.N. Charter."

DUTCH EVACUATION OF JAKARTA BEGINS

JAKARTA, Tuesday (Reuters). — A mass airlift of Dutch nationals from Indonesia started today, with women and children leaving first in three airlines for Singapore. About 80 people left in two Indonesian airlines early today and a British aircraft is standing by to take another 45 evacuees. Troops with pistols and stunguns were on duty at the airport. Many of the Dutch families knew only a few hours before they were scheduled to depart that they were to leave Indonesia.

Meir Ready For Talks With Bulgars

Jerusalem Post Reporter NATHAN, Tuesday. — The Municipality here today decided by a 10-5 vote to replace the Mayor, Mr. Oved Ben-Ami, who had led the Council for 29 years. There was no opposition to the proposal. The vote had taken place after Mr. Ben-Ami had addressed the Council meeting as a result of an uproar, and walked out with his supporters. The meeting which dismissed Mr. Ben-Ami was presided over by Mr. Moshe Shaked. Previously, the Council had met at 1:30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Mr. Ben-Ami to discuss the matter. The meeting was held in the presence of Mr. Ben-Ami, who was not present at the meeting. The meeting was held in the presence of Mr. Ben-Ami, who was not present at the meeting. The meeting was held in the presence of Mr. Ben-Ami, who was not present at the meeting.

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SECURITY CHIEF BEFORE COMMITTEE

The Coordinator of State Security, whose responsibilities also include the Shin Bet (Security Services), appeared yesterday before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee during a comprehensive discussion of the problems of internal security. This morning Prime Minister Ben-Gurion is scheduled to reply to three motions for the agenda on the case of Eli Tabor, the "Haloah Hahaz" reporter. The motions were submitted by Herut, the General Zionists, and the Communists. The Prime Minister is also due to answer a question on the same subject by Mrs. R. Idelson (Mapai).

Like Fit for Trip To Paris, Gets Bulgarian Note

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuters). — President Eisenhower is fit enough to attend the NATO summit conference and is expected to fly to Paris on Friday, the White House announced today. The announcement followed a stringent medical examination of the President who suffered a stroke two weeks ago. A panel of neurologists reported that the President's general condition was excellent and that his recovery was "very impressive." It is "such that it permits him to attend the Paris meeting."

Hamarskjold To Visit Cairo, Gaza

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (UPI). — N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is expected to visit Abdul Nasser in Cairo later this month and also the UNEF in the Gaza Strip. After visiting his home in Stockholm where he is due to participate in a meeting of the Nobel Prize literature committee, he will fly to Gaza, it was learned here last night. One of the matters concerning Egypt on which Mr. Hammarskjold is known to be working at present is the question of Egypt's seizure of the Royal Air Force base at Port Said, and the results of the Israeli fishing trawler Doron, apprehended on the high seas last September.

Jordan Buying U.K. Fighters

By GERDA L. COHEN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON, Tuesday. — The Jordan Government is now negotiating the purchase of British military aircraft. The spokesman of the Hawker Siddeley group announced today that Jordan requires 18 Hawker Hunter jet fighters. The Royal Air Force employs as daytime interceptors. Due to large orders from India, the Hawker organization will find difficulty in meeting delivery on time. The spokesman would not indicate whether the British Government had already consented to the transaction, but could the Foreign Office comment.

Doron Crew Seen By Red Cross

GENEVA, Tuesday (UPI). — Red Cross delegates last week visited for the second time the six-man crew of the Israeli fishing vessel Doron, which was seized by Egyptian authorities. The visit was carried out by permanent Red Cross delegates in Egypt who found the crew in good health. Food parcels and medical supplies were handed them. A Red Cross spokesman who refused to comment officially on the visit, said that the crew was in good health. The spokesman said that the crew was in good health. The spokesman said that the crew was in good health.

'RANGE' TO BE FREED TODAY

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuters). — The Egyptian authorities today decided to release the 1,395-ton South-African ship Range, which has been detained since September 26 on "suspicion of being an Israeli vessel." The Range, bought by a South African firm, was formerly the Israeli vessel, Kibbutz. A South African vessel was flown to Haifa to man her after the purchase. She will be allowed to transit the Suez Canal tomorrow. It was officially announced.

NATO Disturbed by Soviet Bid To Force 1947 Plan on Israel

USSR May Give Egypt Missiles

Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent
TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Egypt is more likely to get Soviet missiles now that Turkey has been promised them by the United States, diplomatic opinion tended to believe here today. Mr. Adnan Menderes, Turkish Prime Minister said last night, according to Reuters, that the U.S. had agreed to give Turkey guided missiles and rockets. "He said American 'Nike' missiles and 'Honest John' rockets would be provided under the NATO defence plans and Turkish officers would go to the U.S. to learn to operate them." The well-publicized move by the U.S. for a "suius" with Egypt on the basis of the anti-Western Arab countries seems destined for failure. It is more likely that Abdul Nasser will achieve the elimination of Western pressure on Egypt. There seem to be some indications that the recent visit of the Egyptian chief of staff in Moscow was more significant than the West was willing to admit at the time. The psychological effect of the Russian sputnik and the explosion of the American rocket on the southern and east of the Mediterranean should not be underestimated. If the Egyptians read in accordance with their own political tradition, they are likely to promise Russia to keep the West out of the Eastern Mediterranean by playing the Russian card, namely, by promising to say nothing while new and more potent Soviet arms enter the area.

Syrian Military Mission in Moscow

LONDON, Tuesday (UPI). — A Syrian Government delegation arrived in Moscow today to a high-level welcome from Soviet officials. The Syrian group flew from Budapest and was greeted by Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan, Defence Minister Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, alternate member of the Presidium Mikhail Pervukhin, Joseph Kuzmin, the deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers, and Premier officials. The delegation was later received by Prime Minister Nikolai Bulganin. Khaled al Azem, Acting Minister of Defence, State and Finance, heads the delegation which includes eight senior officers. ANA reports from Damascus that President Kuwailat, on the recommendation of Premier Assali, has decreed that al Azem shall in future be called Deputy Premier. The Syrians will exchange instruments of ratification of the 1947 Soviet-Syrian economic agreement, Moscow Radio said. They will also discuss with the Soviets how the agreement will be carried out, and the expansion of trade between the two countries. Deputy Prime Minister Anastas Mikoyan today received the Syrian Minister of National Guidance, Fathi Abdullaziz, while Deputy Prime Minister Joseph Kuzmin received the Syrian Ambassador, Salah al-Din Tarazi. The Syrian delegation flew to Moscow from Budapest. Spurring at a press conference, he said that while he found it a useful suggestion, more careful study of it was needed. Mr. Dulles agreed to meet the Syrian Minister Pella that more needs to be done to aid underdeveloped areas. He also agreed that European nations have "legitimate grounds" for special concern for the healthy development of the Middle East because of their close relationship with that area.

U.S. Approves Aid Plan for Mid-East

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UPI). — Secretary of State Dulles today expressed approval of the "basic objectives" of an Italian proposal to create a special fund for Middle East development. Spurring at a press conference, he said that while he found it a useful suggestion, more careful study of it was needed. Mr. Dulles agreed to meet the Syrian Minister Pella that more needs to be done to aid underdeveloped areas. He also agreed that European nations have "legitimate grounds" for special concern for the healthy development of the Middle East because of their close relationship with that area. Mr. Dulles said the question existed as to how to work out such a programme and whether OEEC or NATO labels would be acceptable. Dulles also asked the question whether it should be financed as proposed by Italy, through Marshall Plan loan repayments. Mr. Adlai E. Stevenson last night called for a Western alliance along the lines of the NATO to extend economic aid to Middle East countries to save them from becoming Soviet satellites. A proposal that the U.S. take the lead in bringing the Middle East into the NATO orbit was advanced today by Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, in a speech in Chicago.

Boasting Bisri

"Bisri knows that the event of a serious conflict with Syria, we will swallow her up in a minute," General Afaf Bisri, Syrian Chief of Staff told a correspondent of the Cairo evening paper, "Al Masa," Cairo radio reported yesterday. "The Jordan Senate at a session in Amman on Monday, urged the Government to continue its radio campaign against the Cairo-Bisri's lies and comments of hatred against Jordan." "El Jihad" has reported. Parliament had last week urged the Government to suspend the campaign against Egypt and Syria.

Ethiopian Finance Minister Sends Child to Hadassah

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The three-year-old son of the Abyssinian Finance Minister, Mr. Mekonen Hobtelew, arrived by special Ethiopian Airlines plane today for treatment at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem. The child, who was a victim of a seizure, began to suffer epileptic fits, assumed to be caused by a growth on the brain. A cable was received by the Foreign Ministry on Sunday requesting permission for the plane to land and the child to receive treatment. He is now under the care of Dr. A. Bellet, of Hadassah. The child was accompanied by his mother, Dr. R. Manherheim, a Swedish doctor who heads the Swedish hospital in Addis Ababa; a nurse; an attendant; and the wife of the Israeli Consul-General in Addis Ababa. The plane, which will remain in Lydda until Thursday, bears the royal Abyssinian arms depicting the Lion of Judah. The party was received by Mr. M. Meir of the African Department, the Foreign Ministry, and Abyssinian Consul officials. The pilot of the plane is an American, the air hostess is Jewish, and the co-pilot and radio mechanic Abyssinians trained by T.W.A. (Iltm).

By MAURICE CARR, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Tuesday. — Next week's NATO summit conference here is expected to hold behind-the-scenes and the reportedly imminent Russian move to press for the implementation of the 1947 U.N. Palestine partition resolution. The implementation of the resolution now would entail the dismemberment of Israel, whose present borders are based on the 1949 Armistice Agreements. A report in "Le Monde" said Former Iraqi Premier Nuri Said has warned that an Egyptian-Syrian attack against Israel is inevitable and the Soviet Union will help surreptitiously. The U.S. will not intervene, the Russians hope thus demonstrating to the world the worthlessness of American protection. "To avert this catastrophe, which would cause those Arab states at present allied to the West to shift into the neutralist camp, the only thing to be done, says Nuri, is for the West to take the initiative to bring Israel round to accept the U.N. 1947 partition plan and the settlement of the refugee problem. The Lebanese are believed to have expressed similar views recently."

For the moment, the possibility of a NATO guarantee of the Israel-Arab frontiers, which would prove the most effective shield against the alleged Soviet intentions, seems to have receded and an eventual "Middle East Munich" of Israel's expense is being broached. There is every indication that France, as well as other Western countries, will be utterly opposed to such a peacekeeping, which would be liable to have the same disastrous consequences as the first Munich.

Dulles Sends B-G Defence Assurance

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UPI). — The "New York Times" reported today that Mr. Dulles has assured Mr. Ben-Gurion that, in the absence of a formal treaty, "substance and not form" will govern U.S.-Israel relations. Mr. Dulles made this point in replying to a message from Mr. Ben-Gurion which stated that Israel sought "substantive guarantees" that the U.S. would go to Israel's defence in case of Arab attack. In his reply written about two weeks ago, Mr. Dulles reminded Mr. Ben-Gurion that Israel was one of the society of free nations. He recalled President Eisenhower's recent joint statement with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion envisaging cooperation between members of NATO and other free nations. The daily goes on to say that Mr. Dulles' latest communication to Mr. Ben-Gurion in effect told Israel what they had heard many times before, that there was no immediate prospect of formal treaty guarantee with the U.S. However, according to diplomatic sources, Mr. Ben-Gurion and his Cabinet are pleased with Mr. Dulles' formula of "substance not form," and consider it a step forward, it stated.

Jordan Expels Syrian Envoys

AMMAN, Tuesday (Reuters). — Jordan has expelled two Political Attachés and the Secretary of the Syrian Embassy here, Foreign Ministry sources said today. The Embassy Secretary, Muwafiq Kuwailat, and the attaches Ihsan Kiwan and Omar Madamani, left today. The Government asked for their immediate removal for reasons not disclosed. Only the Syrian Charge d'Affaires remains at the Embassy. The Jordan Senate at a session in Amman on Monday, urged the Government to continue its radio campaign against the Cairo-Bisri's lies and comments of hatred against Jordan. "El Jihad" has reported. Parliament had last week urged the Government to suspend the campaign against Egypt and Syria.

Cold Spell in Europe

From all parts of Europe come news about extremely low temperatures. Also in Israel winter has started but this does not mean that you must shudder with cold. There is no need to. You can have the right nutrition. Just now, at the right moment, Vita's Green Pea Soup has appeared on the market. Though the price of green peas is higher than last year, Vita's soup is still the most delicious and rich source of protein. Vita's soup is made from green peas. Vita Soup is sold in hermetically sealed aluminum foil bags only. Kasher for milk and meat dishes. 2 persons: 50 pruta. Also Vita's Fine Pea Soup with Smoked Meat is made from green peas.

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Legia Beats T.A. Hapoel, 2:0

moving football seen in this country for many a day. Legia, the Polish First Division football club, overran the Israel champions, Tel Aviv Hapoel, by 2:0 at Jaffa today. It was only Chodorov in the Hapoel goal that

Some 7,000 fans turned out in glorious spring-like weather, but went home with mixed feelings. The ratio in corners — 13 to 2 in favour of the

reflected the play than the final score. Hapoel were slow-foot-

ed on the heavy waterlogged pitch, though it seemed to make little difference to the legs of the Legia XI. They kept the ball moving quickly on the ground, and the visiting footballers were able to give the Hapoel players several metres start in going for the ball, and still beat them to it. It was a surprise to see the Legia XI were very good all round, with the sardary of revving centre half Grzybowski, left half Zentarski and the right half

The Polish international on the inside right, little Luczian Brych, opened the scoring in the 55th minute, dribbling past two men before hooking the

Defence Doubt Kastner Murder

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—There is no proof that Dr. Kastner was murdered, nor that he died as a result of bullets fired from the revolver exhibited in this courtroom," Mr.

A. Tal, Counsel for Ze'ev Eckstein, declared in the District Court today. He was summing up the case for the defence of his client, who is charged together with Yosef Mankes, a 24-year-old Jew, with the murder of a Greek Orthodox community leader in Israel, in an interview with Itim.

He accused the Israel Government of taking no practical steps to implement a woodmill, a school and a

It had been proved that Eckstein, on a particular day, had fired three shots at a man asking Dr. Khatner his name.

name, and that Dr. Kastner had been taken to hospital and entered the operating theatre.

"From this point on, no medical evidence has been heard to show what happened to him," he said.

He maintained that only a trickle of Arab refugees would opt to return and they would constitute no problem. (Times)

Police Eviction

to Dr. Kastaar—between the time of the shooting and the day of his death," he argued. It was possible that he was suffering from a fatal illness, or "had been operated on for

Mr. Tal asked the court to doubt all testimonies on happenings in the hospital after the attack on the deceased. He similarly rejected the testimony of a police witness

Menkes' Defence

Previously, Menkes' counsel, Mr. M. Kritzman, concluded his summing-up by de-

declaring that the prosecution had not proved his client's guilt in the murder, nor his connection with a terrorist underground, either as leader or as a member.

Unlicensed Pistol ACRE, Tuesday. — Four Arab youths from Ramat were fined IL300 with the alternative of two months in jail each for the possession of an unlicensed pistol.

The prosecution both opened and concluded its case with suppositions. All these stories about some or

The defence counsel will continue their summing up tomorrow. The Court is composed of Rajendra Prasad, C. J., and Justices S. K. Das, B. K. Mukherjee, S. R. Ray, S. M. Sikri, K. Subramania Iyer, and S. M. Sen Gupta. The public, a search of the papers in which the accused


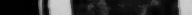
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SOVIET threats against Israel

Israel has flashed out from Moscow with such painful regularity in recent months that they have tended to be overlooked.

For some weeks they have centered with a monotonous regularity on the need for "a settlement of the Palestine problem" and, more specifically, the desirability to force Israel to "return to the 1947 Partition boundaries," as though these had, in fact, at any time existed.

That almost forgotten scheme provided for a loose federation of independent Jewish and Arab areas and was totally rejected by the Arabs at the time. It was destroyed by the Arab nations' attack on the Jewish population, which caused a single, consolidated territory to be fought over and carved out. To suggest at this stage that peace can be restored to the Middle East by proposing to carve up Israel into three disconnected sections is interposed by the territories of an independent Arab state newly to be created for this purpose is either a promise to help destroy Israel now, or a bargaining platform from which to wring major territorial concessions from Israel, with a view to its later destruction. If it is less than that, it is nothing at all but one more illusion to hold out to the Arab states to induce them to cooperate fully with their new Soviet occupying forces.

In the past this plan was peddled round the Arab courts with wearying regularity by the British Foreign Office whenever its cupboards were bare of any other titbit for the bribe-hungry Arab rulers. The principle on which it is based is simple almost to the point of naivete. The British Foreign Office will press, or at least appear to press, for some sharp blow at Israel's viability, and then the Arabs will at last see who are their real friends. "British Residents" will quickly be restored to the Arab capitals to run affairs from behind the scenes, and the Russians on the spot will be frightened by the superior political acumen of these British mystifiers in haste. All that was needed was to persuade the United States that they should bring pressure to bear all round to have it accepted. There was no reason why Russia should not simply take over this scheme.

It must be assumed that Mahmoud Fawzi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, has gone to Washington to suggest that if the Soviets are going to come up with this proposal, the Americans would be wise to gain Arab support by bringing it in first. The U.S. does not appear more taken with this scheme this time than on its previous appearances — including Nuri's said's most recent propaganda. They may well feel that there is tension enough in the Middle East without deliberately creating a new crisis that may end in total global disaster.

Israel's Ambassador in London, Mr. Eliahu Eliahu, has already found an opportunity to tell the British Foreign Secretary that the scheme cannot expect to gain Israel acquiescence, which is a masterly, almost British, piece of understatement. Like a Syrian or Egyptian assayer on Israel without reference to legal claims, it can end only in war. If this war is to be prevented, it can only be done through the clear understanding by those abroad chiefly concerned that Israel cannot accept any reduction of her skeleton territory without facing the threat of extinction, and will therefore inevitably be forced to fight for her survival.

It is fully ten years now since the Arabs contemptuously rejected the Partition proposal. Perhaps it is time that some of their leaders realized that they were poorly advised then by their Western friends, and are as poorly advised again now, at least by some of them.

Dutch Still Useful in Indonesia

Mass Expulsion Would Weaken Tottering State

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH (Who has recently left Indonesia)

THE Jakarta government is reported to be determined to intensify its anti-Dutch measures at whatever cost. It has refused to hand "West Irian" (Dutch West New Guinea) over to Indonesia.

And the cost would certainly be high for both sides. Efficiently-managed Dutch interests now bring Indonesia more than 40 per cent of her foreign exchange earnings. The Dutch on their side stand to lose interests valued at between \$300 m. and \$600 m.

The campaign to annex West Irian began after the U.N. decided last week by 41 votes to 29 not to consider Indonesian claims to West Irian and the Dutch continued to refuse to negotiate on the issue.

Indonesians protest that Holland retains control over the territory in spite of official promises, dating back to 1946, that it would be relinquished to Jakarta.

West Irian was only part of the former Dutch East Indies which was not incorporated in the new independent State of Indonesia when The Hague agreed to end its colonial administration in 1949.

'National Strength' Doctor Subandrio, Indonesian Foreign Minister, threatened that his country would break off diplomatic relations with Holland unless all Dutch interference ceased and said that Indonesia "may have to rely on her own national strength to get West Irian and is ready for sacrifice."

It is now evident from the stringent measures being taken that President Sukarno, backed by his supporters among the Communists and those extreme nationalists who believe that Dutch influence should be ended at whatever sacrifice, have successfully imposed their will on the moderate and the anti-Communist opposition.

At this moment Indonesia is split between those who believe in Sukarno's left-wing concept of "Guided Democracy" largely inspired by his visits to China and Russia in 1955, and the Moslem-led opposition which wants a non-Communist Government under Dr. Mohammed Hatta, the former vice-president. This includes not only non-Communist political parties but the "rebel" military administrations in Sumatra and the Celebes which refuse to recognize further hegemony of over-populated and impoverished Java with its heavy vote.

The President's opponents regard the campaign to regain West Irian as an unduly attempt by Sukarno to distract attention from Indonesia's acute internal difficulties which efforts should now be devoted. More pragmatic and moderate in their anti-colonialism than the left-wing extremists, they are more concerned with stabilizing the government and economy of the already existing state.



Map of Indonesia showing the location of West Irian.

ing Indonesia. But in this context anti-Dutch measures may be directly related to the attempt to assassinate Sukarno ten days ago. More than 15 people have been arrested for complicity in this outrage which is now declared to have been planned by Sundanese autonomists from West Java and youth leaders of the powerful anti-Communist Masjumi Party. Both of these groups form part of the general opposition to Sukarno and it is reported that his narrow escape has stiffened his determination to push through his own policy, which includes the West Irian campaign — and to strong action against his opponents.

This could lead to an open breach between Jakarta and the outer islands and to a further increase in Communist power in Java at a time when rapid deterioration in

Indonesia's economy — directly caused by the anti-Dutch campaign — may favour this.

While experts point out that the well-managed Dutch interests bring in more than 40 per cent of Indonesia's foreign exchange earnings, internal sea communications between Indonesia's many islands also depend almost entirely on KPM, the Dutch shipping line now officially under Indonesian control. Dutch pilots predominate in Garuda Airways, the national air line which assures the Republic's internal air links. And other Dutch shipping companies handle a large part of Indonesia's foreign trade.

It is further to be noted that because of a lack of qualified men all Indonesian attempts to build up a fleet of ships originally bound for Indonesian ports. It is further to be noted that because of a lack of qualified men all Indonesian attempts to build up a fleet of ships originally bound for Indonesian ports.

Short of Currency Meanwhile Indonesia is suffering already from an acute shortage of foreign exchange. Far less than the legal minimum of 20 per cent of currency is backed by gold, and the price of rice has risen from seven to 12 rupiahs per kilogram in a matter of days.

While the Dutch in their part stand to lose their rich interests, many Dutchmen in Jakarta believe their government should hand over West Irian and preserve Dutch enterprises in Indonesia proper. West Irian is in fact, of little economic value.

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Haifa in Photographs

SOME 200 photographs entered for Haifa Municipality's competition in connection with the Album to be published on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary Year are now being exhibited at the Ethnological Museum. The subjects cover Haifa's bond with the sea, street life, religion, both Jewish and non-Jewish, Haifa's parks, its children, housing schemes etc. Strangely enough, the factories figure very little; and one of the widest range of typical material could have been unearthed with some forethought. Indeed, one carries away the impression that for many of the 30 participating photographers, the operative word was not

highly cultivated clarinet player showed not only youthful enthusiasm but so a flawless technique and a genuine musicianship that other string quartets in the country would find it difficult to match.

In their future appearances, to which we are looking forward with eager interest, we wish to express our hope of maintaining the high standard of interpretation, they will also include some works from the contemporary repertoire.

The concert was conducted by Benedetto Marcello in which Elihu Thorneer was not up to his usual standard.

ATIDOM Haifa Orchestra: Georg Singer conductor; Abraham Melamed, violin (Orak Hall, December 4); Boethius: "Franchetta" Overture op. 43; Max Bruch, Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, No. 1; Avissat Barnea, Israel Dances for string orchestra; Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4, op. 90; Anshel, was in great form and — as all depends on the conductor — the orchestra, with some small exceptions, did a fine job. The concert was a clear and decisive and he thoroughly knows his score. He works convincingly, if seldom daringly, rendering both the sound and the sense of the music, though in places, as in the Beethoven and Mendelssohn, the orchestra had some difficulty following his highly personal interpretation.

CONSISTING exclusively of young members of the I.P.O., this new string ensemble made a really sensational debut. Their performance of the Brahms C-Minor string quartet (op. 51 No. 1) and the Mozart Clarinet quintet (in which Yona Ettinger, again proved to be a

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Readers' Letters

CONSUMERS ORGANIZATION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Last week a housewife came to the Haifa branch of the Consumers Organization with a bottle of furniture oil. The bottle had the special bulging shape used here for soft drinks, was similarly capped and had the word "Coca-Cola" marked on it. On top of this, the brand name of the oil was deceptively similar to that of a product of an old-established Haifa chemical factory.

The marketing of such a cleaning fluid in a bottle of the type used for drinks would result in a prosecution in any progressive country, but here, unfortunately, no law exists yet to top such a dangerous practice. The complaining housewife told us, also, that she had been misled by the similarity of the name and only at home had she discovered that she had been sold a substitute.

Time and again we receive complaints on the inferiority of consumer goods made or marketed in a way that involves a risk to health, in the case of many electrical goods, for instance, the insulation is often unsatisfactory or outright dangerous.

In the absence of proper laws and stiff penalties for such abuses, consumers can find protection only in organizing for self-defence. The Consumers' Organization, a non-political and independent body, handles countless complaints brought to its branches by the buying public. May we appeal to every buyer to join our organization and help us achieve our principal aim: goods of higher quality, better and more hygienically wrapped and marketed, and a higher standard of service. The address of the organization is 8 Hashoeva Lane, Tel Aviv. Yours, etc., DR. ERNA MEYER, Consumers Organization, Haifa, November 11.

WAGNER AND STRAUSS Editor, The Jerusalem Post Sir, — With regard to the statement, in your issue of November 11, that the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is shortly to discuss its proposal to play works by Wagner but not by Richard Strauss I should like to say that whereas Richard Wagner was a notorious Jew-hater all his life and wrote the most discriminating anti-Semitic pamphlet — "Das Judentum in der Musik" — Richard Strauss unquestionably was a Jew-lover, which fact made him accept for a limited period the position of leader of the "Reichsmusikkammer" in Nazi Germany, but he never wrote or spoke openly against Jews. Strauss insisted, in face of opposition, that the name of his Jewish libretto writer, Steffens, be retained on the scores and programmes. When his son, who was married to a Jewess, brought up the question of his marriage, Strauss said: "The influence of Nazi rules, his father replied: 'If someone has to leave our home then it is you.'

I believe that if anybody is to be banned from the Israel music scene it should be Wagner and not Richard Strauss but I, personally, have no particular desire to boycott art on the grounds of sentiments. Both Wagner and Richard Strauss are now historic names in the world of music but if one of them is to enjoy preference in the concert halls of Israel it should be Richard Strauss, whose symphonic oeuvre seems to me to be a great deal more important for the IPO repertoire than the orchestral works of Wagner.

Yours, etc., SHLOMO B. LEWENTOFF, Former Administrative Director of the Palestine Orchestra, New York, November 29.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Israel Offered As Sacrifice

THE Arab hint that America could wrest the initiative from the Middle East by putting pressure on Israel and forcing her to yield some of her territory, was crystallized in a scathing comment by Herut, which writes that we will guard our national rights at all costs.

Omer (Histadrut) observes that the Italian "Marshall Plan" suggestions for the Middle East have caused quite a stir in Europe and America. He says that the fear that such a programme will be regarded by the Arabs as "imperialist" and "colonialist" is not clear thought has been crystallized on the subject but America thinks it best to let Israel-Arab relations lie for the time being. He says that a decision should be taken as to whether the British and Italian view is to be unconnected with the patently unrealistic assumption that the Arab will consent to sacrifice is imperative.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) Avraham Melamed acquiesced himself well of an ambitious task and the perfect cooperation between him, the conductor and the orchestra, whose regular leader he is. He has a beautiful warm tone, but his instrument prevents him from building up to a powerful climax. Nevertheless, there are so many positive features in his playing, such as his own joy in making music — and he really plays without the slightest touch of showmanship — that minor points can be overlooked.

The "Israel Dances" were played in memory of Avissat Barnea. G. W. B.

Abroad

Paul Ben Haim, the well-known composer, was recently commissioned by the Louisville, Kentucky, Philharmonic Orchestra to write a symphonic work which will perform during the 1958-59 season and probably record as well. The orchestra last year received a five-year \$400,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant for new works.

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Bufano to Make Haifa Monument

By MEIR BONNEN

BENIAMINO Bufano is a little American just over fifty years of age, who is going to make a 67-metre high monument to stand at the entrance to Haifa next year. It will be called "Shalom" and will depict Rachel surrounded by her children — in this case children from all over the world — a theme used by Bufano in a famous U.N. poster. One of the children will represent a mixture of the three races: white, yellow and black. The monument will be made in sculpture Bufano's favourite material: stainless steel. Its tremendous surface will be relieved with mosaic stones. If it wasn't for the twinkle in his eye and the greatness of his work, one might conclude that Bufano is a little fey. He is refreshingly vague about who brought him to Israel. "I'd just come back from seeing Bulgarians in Moscow. El Al rang me up in London. I think Mr. Weizgal had something to do with that. Fred Kahane, of

his statuary are U.S. national acquisitions and that is the way Bufano wants it: he does not work for private persons and he does not work for money. He has never married and his only obligations are to himself and his ideas on art and peace. His frescoes and statuary are some of the highlights of San Francisco and he is regarded as one of that city's favourite sons.

Bufano praises stainless steel as a medium despite the difficulties of working it. For the steel becomes tempered and immovable from the heat generated by too many blows of the mallet. But it is economical. About \$1,500 worth of steel went into Sun Yat Sen; a bronze casting of the same statue would have cost \$28,000! And, adds Bufano, the artist, working direct in a medium makes you exploit its particular characteristics, and this cannot be achieved in bronze, which is an expensive material. Stainless steel is even more endurable than bronze and does not discolour, while Bufano also combines it effectively with

on having a spiral staircase up into the head, so visitors can see the view from there. Total cost may run into a quarter of a million pounds. Bufano takes his theme of Peace seriously, and has never been content to confine his efforts in promoting it to sculpture while working. He was clothed with Premier Bulgarians for over two hours, trying to convince him that moral pressure would force the U.S. to destroy all her atom bombs if Russia destroyed all of hers first (Bulgarian answer: "I wish I had your faith, but I have 200 million lives to defend"). He believes Russia wants peace as much as any nation can want it.

In 1917, Bufano lopped off his right forefinger and sent it to President Wilson in protest of America's entry into the war. His Greenwich Village studio was destroyed as a result. His studio was again burnt out by hoodlums in San Francisco in the thirties after he got on the wrong side of a city hall while opposing the Federal relief works administration (WPA). He lost 2,000 of his drawings in the fire, along with some Picasos received in exchange for drawings of his own. He is a liberal, votes Democratic, is a close friend of Henry Wallace.

Bufano, who started his first carving of an angel at eight and who was declared a prodigy at 16, started to travel early. At 18 he was in China to make moving pictures of the revolution. His film was destroyed. He joined Sun Yat Sen's revolutionary army, was shot in the left wrist (family tradition: his grandfather was executed as a member of Garibaldi's Brigade, his father came to the U.S. as a political refugee) later became a friend and confidant of Sun Yat Sen. His six-and-a-half-metre statue in steel and granite of the late Chinese leader is a landmark at the entrance to Sun Yat Sen's. From China he went to India, lived with Gandhi, took part in the famous Salt March to the sea. After three years in Europe, having "absorbed" statuary around the world, he returned to work in the U.S.

The Orient had a powerful influence on him, and he has today come a long way from the traditional cherubic children he carved as a boy. His animals and birds are simplified, integrated shapes, free of niggling detail, are famous the world over. As he declares him one of the great sculptors of our times and Mallot noted: "I am glad for America that she has gained a great sculptor." Henry Miller said he would be fully appreciated in 5,000 years' time. Today

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